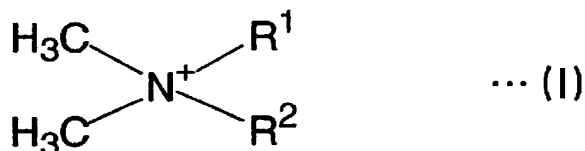


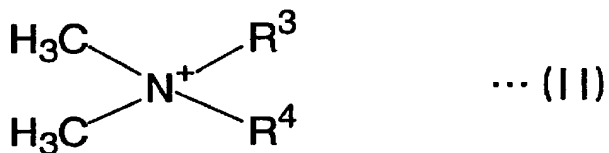
WE CLAIM

1. A gel composition comprising a cation-modified clay mineral,  
wherein cations of said cation-modified clay mineral comprise quaternary ammonium cations represented by Formula (I):



wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a C<sub>1-9</sub> alkyl group, a phenyl group or a C<sub>7-9</sub> aralkyl group and R<sup>2</sup> is a C<sub>10-36</sub> alkyl group,

and Formula (II):



wherein R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are independent from each other and each represents a C<sub>10-36</sub> alkyl group.

2. The gel composition according to Claim 1, wherein said cation-modified clay mineral comprises a cation-modified clay mineral A whose cation is the quaternary ammonium cation represented by Formula (I) and a cation-modified clay mineral B whose cation is the quaternary ammonium cation represented by Formula (II) in a weight ratio of A:B from 55:45 to 99.9:0.1.

3. The gel composition according to Claim 2, wherein the weight ratio of A:B is

from 60:40 to 80:20.

4. The gel composition according to any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is benzyl group.

5. The gel composition according to any of Claims 1 to 3, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is methyl group.

6. The gel composition according to any of Claims 1 to 5, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is a C<sub>16-18</sub> alkyl group.

7. The gel composition according to any of Claims 1 to 6, wherein each of R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> is a C<sub>16-18</sub> alkyl group.

8. The gel composition according to any of Claims 1 to 7, wherein a host clay mineral of said cation-modified clay mineral is montmorillonite or hectorite.

9. The gel composition according to any of Claims 1 to 8, wherein the host clay mineral of said cation-modified clay mineral is montmorillonite.

10. A nail enamel comprising the gel composition according to any of Claims 1 to 9.